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SUBJECT: CHILE: INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM ON ANTARCTIC
DEVELOPMENT

REF: (A) STATE 49034; (B) TELCON, SELLIN/SANDBERG
MARCH 4, 1977

1. WE DISCUSSED SUBJECT MEETING WITH JOHN HEAP, FCO,
MARCH 7. SELLIN'S RECOLLECTION OF HIS POSITION ON
LEVEL OF REPRESENTATION AT MEETING CORRECT. HE STILL
CONSIDERS IT A "NON-EVENT", FEELS LEVEL OF REPRESENTA-
TION DOES NOT MATTER. AND THAT "ON THE WHOLE HE WOULD
ADVISE AGAINST HIGH LEVEL REPRESENTATION". HE SAID UK
CHARGE WAS ONLY ATTENDING BECAUSE HE WANTS A "HOLIDAY".
HE ALSO WILL TAKE ADVANTAGE OF TRIP TO PRESENT AWARD TO
UK HONORARY CONSUL IN PUNTA AREAS. THEREFORE, NO
SPECIAL SIGNIFICANCE SHOULD BE READ INTO ATTENDANCE BY
CHARGE.

2. HEAP ADDED THAT HE HAS NOT LEARNED ANYTHING ABOUT
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MEETING. HE STILL DOES NOT KNOW WHAT IS GOING ON OR
WHAT CHILEANS HOPE TO GET OUT OF MEETING. HE SAID
ORGANIZERS ISSUED ONLY FOUR FULL-FARE PAID INVITATIONS -
TO BRIAN ROBERTS FROM UK, SCAR PRESIDENT GJELSVIK,
PHILIP LAW, AUSTRALIAN SCAR REP, AND TAKESI NEGATA FROM
JAPAN. ROBERTS AND GJELSVIK HAVE ACCEPTED BUT HE HAS
HEARD NOTHING ABOUT LAW AND NAGATA. "PAY YOUR OWN WAY"

INVITATIONS WENT TO DR. ROBEN OF SCOTT POLAR RESEARCH CENTER IN CAMBRIDGE, DR. RICHARD LAWS. DIRECTOR OF BRITISH ANTARCTICA COMMITTEE AND THE HEAD OF MISSION IN SANTIAGO. ROBEN AND LAWS BOTH DECLINED.

3. LAST WEEK, REPRESENTATIVE FROM ARGENTINE EMBASSY CALLED ON HEAP SEEKING INFORMATION ON MEETING. HEAP SAID HE FOUND IT STRANGE THAT NOT EVEN HER CLOSE NEIGHBORS SEEM TO KNOW WHAT CHILE IS TRYING TO ACCOMPLISH WITH THIS "WIERD EVENT".

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